

The WORK of the HOLY SPIRIT IN THE N.T.



The Work of The Holy Spirit.



**In Revealing
The Mind of
God To Man.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE OLD TESTAMENT

In O.T, times the Spirit of God was never said to live in or dwell in the nation, the people of God. God used particular people, at particular times, for particular purposes.

It was prophesied that Jesus would come. “I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will tell that prophet what to say, and He will tell the people everything I command Him.”

One Like Moses

Deut. 18:18-19;

Prophet.

Lawgiver.

God's Son Given All Power

GOD;

**Matt. 28:18;
Deut. 18:18-19;
Eph. 1:22-23;**

**Given all
authority.**

**Made God's
Spokesman.**

CHRIST.

**Made head
of the church.**

**“So Jesus answered them and said,
“My teaching is not Mine,
but His who sent Me”. John 7:16;**

“Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. 2. But now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son He made the universe and everything in it. Heb 1:1-2;”

CHRIST.

JOHN 15:26;

**Delivered
Teaching
To Apostles.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**The Spirit would
come as a helper.**

MEN.

Delivered Teaching To Apostles.

CHRIST.

**Spirit would provide
knowledge and direction.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**John 14:25-26;
John 16:12-13;**

MEN.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

FIRST MENTION, Angel's words
to parents of John the Baptizer.

in Lk.1:15; “13. But the angel said, ``Don't be afraid,
Zacharias! For I have come to tell you that God has
heard your prayer, and your wife Elizabeth will bear
you a son! And you are to name him John.

14. You will both have great joy and gladness at his
birth, and many will rejoice with you. 15. For he will
be one of the Lord's great men. He must never touch
wine or hard liquor--**and he will be filled with
the Holy Spirit, even from before his birth!”**

AS IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES,
during the personal ministry of CHRIST **the Spirit
came upon special people for special purposes.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

In the ministry of John. **Luke 1:15-17**; “ For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and **he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit**, even from his mother's womb.

16. And many of the children of Israel shall be turn unto the Lord their God. 17. And he shall go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; **to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him.”**

As a prophet, **he was the forerunner of Jesus.**
It was his work to prepare the minds of the people for the coming of the Messiah. NOTE:-
Although filled with the Spirit, he did no miracles.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matt 11:9-10; “Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and **he is more than a prophet**. John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say:-
'Look, I am sending my messenger before you, and he will prepare your way before you.'

At the time of John's coming, the Holy Spirit was working through Simeon and Anna.

Luke 2:25-28; “Now there was a man named **Simeon** who lived in Jerusalem. **He was a righteous man and very devout. He was filled with the Holy Spirit**, and he eagerly expected the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. **The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple.**
So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Anna was a Spirit-inspired prophetess. Luke 2:36-38;

“Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple.

She was the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, and was very old. She was a widow, for her husband had died when they had been married only seven years.

38. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and **she began praising God. She talked about Jesus to everyone who had been waiting for the promised King to come and deliver Jerusalem.”**

The Spirit was in both of them for the purpose of calling people's attention to the coming of both John and Jesus.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

The BIRTH of Jesus; Mary, and the conception of Jesus. **Matt 1:18-20;** “These are the facts concerning the birth of Jesus Christ: His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. While she was still a virgin she became **pregnant by the Holy Spirit.**”

At His BAPTISM Matt 3:16; “After His baptism, as soon as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened to Him and He saw **the Spirit of God** coming down like a dove.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVE IN THE LIFE of JESUS.

As a SIGN to John/Baptizer. John 1:33;

“ I didn't know He was the one,” John said again,
“but at the time God sent me to baptize he told me,
‘When you see the Holy Spirit descending and
resting upon someone, he is the one you are looking

John 3:33-36; “Those who believe Him discover
that God is true. For He is sent by God.
**He speaks God's words, for God's Spirit
is upon Him without measure or limit.**

The Father loves His Son, and **He has given Him
authority over everything.** And **all who believe in
God's Son have eternal life. Those who don't obey
the Son will never experience eternal life,
but the wrath of God remains upon them.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Jesus spoke the **"words of God"** by inspiration of the Spirit.
(See 2 Tim 3:16-17;).

In other words, His inspiration was full. **Inspiration is always full and complete** because of what John says God's work is in inspiration.
"for God does not give the Spirit by measure."

In other words, there is **no such thing as partial inspiration** when it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit. **There is no such thing as measures of inspiration.**

It is quite biblical to talk about measures of faith or of Christ's gift (referring to charismatic gifts and ministries. **Rom 12:3; and Eph 4:7;**), **but it is not biblical to speak of measures of the Spirit.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVE IN THE LIFE of JESUS.

Luke 4:1; “Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River, being urged by the Spirit out into the barren wastelands of Judea.

Where Satan tempted him for forty days. He ate nothing all that time, and was very hungry.”

His MIRACLES. Matt 12:28;

“But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you.”

Jesus preached by the Holy Spirit Luke 4:18;

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the broken hearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVE IN THE LIFE of JESUS.

In **Matthew 3:10-12**; John said of the work of Jesus:-

“And even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; But He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

John said to all those who came out to hear his preaching and see His immersing that the One coming would.

“Baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (v11).

We must assume that John had Joel 2:28; in mind when he made this statement. **By inspiration,** what John stated was in view of the events of **both the day of Pentecost in A.D. 30.**
And the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Though John did not know of these events in the future. However, **by inspiration** he figuratively foretold that **something was coming.**

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT

Seated therefore in the historical context of the prophecy and fulfillment of the **Joel 2:28:** passage, John makes the statement of **Matt 3:11;**.

The statement applies to two groups, **the obedient and the disobedient**. The **obedient** would be baptized **with the Spirit**. The **disobedient** would be baptized **with fire**.

However, **not all the obedient were baptized with the Spirit** as is historically pointed out by the fulfillment of this prophecy as recorded in the book of Acts.

Only the apostles, who in the context of Matthew 3 do not yet exist as apostles, **were baptized in the Spirit in Acts 2**.

The result of the Holy Spirit baptism, however, affected the entire church.

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

The baptism of fire refers primarily to the destruction of the Jewish disobedient in A.D. 70, with the destruction of Jerusalem.

However, **not all the disobedient were baptized in fire** because **not all disobedient Jews were destroyed** in A.D. 70.

Therefore, John is saying that **representatives** of the group of **obedient** would be baptized with the Spirit-**the apostles**. Likewise, **representatives** of the group of the **disobedient** would be baptized with fire the **Jewish hierarchy in Jerusalem** in A.D. 70.

Nevertheless, all the disobedient will eventually be destroyed by the baptism of fire in the eternal destruction of hell.

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

The significance of the tongues of fire in **Acts 2:3**; was for the purpose of giving a visual indication to the almost 120 people present that it was.

Only the apostles who had been baptized with the Spirit.

The tongues of fire and the speaking in tongues were the **Spirit's reaffirmation** that **the Twelve were the true Christ-sent apostles** whom He had immersed.

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

Jesus stated in **Luke 11:13**; "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him."

The **parallel passage** to this promise is **Matthew 7:11**;. In Matthew's account, Jesus said that the Father would **"give good things to those who ask Him."**

By comparing these two passages we would conclude that the meaning is that the Father was to **give the good things (plural) of the Spirit**. In other words, as a result of the coming of the Spirit, the recipients would **receive "good things."**

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

The Luke passage is a **metonymy**,
that is, the **cause is placed for the effect**.

The Holy Spirit is the cause.

The effect are the good things.

The Holy Spirit is stated as the cause in the
text of **Luke 11:13**; for the good things about
which Matthew wrote in **Matthew 7:11**;

We will later see that these **good things**
would be the **miraculous gifts**
and inspired word of the Spirit.
All were given for the good of the church.

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

The Emphasis in Matthew 7:11; and Luke 11:13;, therefore, is not on the actual receiving of the Holy Spirit, but on that which the Spirit would bless those who ask of the Father.

This passage is not teaching that one should pray for the Holy Spirit. It is teaching that the disciples should pray for the good things that were to come from the Spirit.

The events of Acts 8 would be a fulfilment of the statements made by Jesus that are recorded in both Luke 11:3; and Matthew 7:11;

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

When **Peter and John** came to Samaria after the preaching of Philip, Luke recorded:-

"Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God.

They sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit." (At 8:14-15;).

Peter and John came down to Samaria to lay hands on those who had been immersed. When they did, the Holy Spirit came upon them. **Act 8:18;.**

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

By Holy Spirit coming upon them means they received a miraculous gift of power that confirmed the message having already been baptised they would already have received the indwelling Holy Spirit.

A second illustration of the fulfillment of Luke 11:3; and Matthew 7:11; would be 1 Corinthians 14:13;

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church:-

"Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret."

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

Reference here was to the one in the Corinthian church who had already had **hands laid on him** to receive the gift of **speaking in languages**, (known tongues).

He could pray he **also receive the gift of interpretation.**

In this context, therefore:- It was the choice of the Spirit to give an added gift.

It was the choice of the Spirit to distribute to each member of the church as He so willed (1 Co 12:11;).

JESUS AND THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT.

**If Christians had hands
laid on them by the apostles.**

**Then they could pray that the Spirit distribute
to them the appropriate gift to be used
in their ministry of edification of the church.**

JESUS PREDICTS the COMING of the SPIRIT.

John 7:37-39; “On the last day, the climax of the holidays, Jesus shouted to the crowds:-

“If anyone is thirsty, **let him come to Me** and drink.

For the Scriptures declare that

rivers of living water shall flow out of Him”

“39. (He was speaking of the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in Him;

The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet returned to His glory in heaven.)”

JESUS PREDICTS the COMING of the SPIRIT.

The passage should literally read,
"... the Holy Spirit was not yet..."

In other words, it was **not yet the time of the Holy Spirit**. A time would come **When the Spirit would play a major role in revealing all truth.**
In order to establish and edify the church.

JESUS PREDICTS the COMING of the SPIRIT.

The Spirit had worked from creation to the cross. However, His miraculous work was consummated in the revealing of all truth and in giving inspired guidance to the church in the first century.

Emphasis would be on the person of the Spirit, and the work of the Spirit after Jesus ascension.

What the Spirit would do during His time of work.

JESUS PREDICTS the COMING of the SPIRIT.

Vincent in His Greek word studies says:- **“The best texts omit ἅγιον, holy, and the definite article is not in the text, the strict rendering is simply spirit. Literally, spirit was not yet. Given, in A.V. and R.E.V, is added to guard against a possible misconception.**

Which Alford observes, “no intelligent reader could fall into. “The word spirit, standing thus alone, marks, not the personal Spirit, but His operation or gift or manifestation.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES WITH ACTS OF POWER / GIFTS.

During the time of the Spirit, the Spirit would do His work in carrying out God's work of redemption among men. In **John 7:38-39**;
Jesus and John connect the **"giving"** of the Holy Spirit **with the ascension of Jesus.**

The "giving", or time of the Spirit, would **begin** sometime after Jesus' ascension.

In Acts 1 Jesus ascended. **In Acts 2** the Spirit came.

John 7:38-39; looks forward to **Acts 2.**

Acts 8:2-20; looks backward to **Acts 2**;

Only the apostles on the day of Pentecost received the **baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

Also at that time they received a gift of power the ability to speak in known Languages.

THE APOSTLES USE THE POWER / GIFTS.

In Acts 2:43; we read

“And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.”

In Acts 3:12; **“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, men of Israel, why marvel at this man? or why fasten your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?”** Peter an Apostle doing a miracle.

THE APOSTLES USE THE POWER / GIFTS.

Acts 4:33;

“And the apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great favour was upon them all.”

Acts 5:12;. “And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.”

THE APOSTLES USE THE POWER / GIFTS.

Still only the Apostles Acts 5:32; “We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who OBEY him.”

The Apostles were witnesses and the Holy Spirit was a witness by confirming the Apostles teaching by signs and miracles.

Acts 5:32; “To those who OBEY Him.” refers back to:-

**Acts 5:29; “But PETER and THE APOSTLES replied,
“We must OBEY God rather than human authority.”**

The APOSTLES were OBEDIENT by preaching God’s message as they had been CHOSEN & COMMANDED. The Holy Spirit CONFIRMED the APOSTLES MESSAGE.

THE APOSTLES PASS ON THE POWER / GIFTS.

Acts 8:5-6; Philip was able to do Miracles

“And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did.

Philip was able to confirm the message that he preached with some miraculous signs.

How did HE get the ability to do miracles? The

- 5. This idea pleased the whole group, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (a Gentile convert to the Jewish faith, who had now become a Christian).**
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THE APOSTLES PASS ON THE POWER / GIFTS.

Act 8:13-19; “And **Simon himself also believed and being immersed**, persevering with Philip and viewing signs and great miracles that was happening, he was astonished.”

“Now when the apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, **they sent Peter and John** to them; who, when they had come down, prayed concerning them, **so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.**”

“for as yet it was fallen upon none of them, but they were only immersed into the name of Jesus the Christ. **Then they laid their hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit.**

But when Simon SAW that through the LAYING ON of the APOSTLES' HANDS the Holy Spirit was given,”

THE APOSTLES PASS ON THE POWER / GIFTS.

“Simon offered them money, saying,
Also **give me this AUTHORITY**, in order **that**
I MAY LAY MY HANDS on whomever and,
he may receive the Holy Spirit.”

Did these people **receive the**
INDWELLING of the Holy Spirit?
or did they **receive A GIFT OF**
POWER from the Holy Spirit?

When Simon saw WHAT?
The Spirit descend like a dove?
Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
Or miraculous things being done?

SIMON WANTS TO BUY THE POWER / GIFTS.

**Simon had earned his living
by being a magician by doing tricks.**

Act 8:9; but there was a certain man, Simon by name, who was formerly in the city **practicing-magic,** and **astonishing the people of Samaria,** saying that **he himself was someone great.**

Philip comes to the city and does **REAL MIRACLES** and shows what **REAL GREATNESS IS!**
(The gifts of power from the Holy Spirit.)
Simon cannot match Philips power.

The people turn from Simon to Philip.

SIMON WANTS TO BUY THE POWER / GIFTS.

The **Apostles Peter and John** come down and **Lay Hands on people** that they may **receive gifts to confirm the message** have the ability to teach others and confirm their teaching.

Simon **SAW the gifts of Power** were able to be passed on by the laying on of hands and sees **the respect** that the **Apostles and Philip are treated with** and **thinks if I had the ability** to pass on these gifts then people would **again respect me** and **I could make my living at it.**

Act 8:20-21; “But Peter said to him, May your silver together with you be *sent* into destruction!
Because you have thought to procure the gift of God with money. You have neither part nor portion in this word, **your heart is not right with God.”**

ALL FLESH BEGINS TO RECEIVE THE POWER / GIFTS.

By the time of Acts 8; "ALL FLESH"

All types of people began to receive the gifts.

"All flesh", that is, all classes or groups of believers, were beginning to be given the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit made available in Acts 2.

The "living water" of John 7:38; is a reference to the miraculous gifts that came through the laying on of the apostles' hands after Acts 2.

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

One of the important principles that could save a lot of confusion, is to understand that **when Holy Spirit is mentioned it does not always refer to the Holy Spirit sometimes it refers to a miraculous Gift.**

This is called **metonymy**, it is the same as asking someone to “**boil a kettle.**” You do **not boil the kettle you boil the water in the kettle.**

The context determines the use and understanding of the word.

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2:4; “They all were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.”

BOTH HOLY SPIRIT AND MIRACULOUS GIFT!

Acts 2:38-39; “Peter replied, “Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

This promise is to you and to your children, and even to the Gentiles -all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 8:15-16. “As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them**, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

THE HAD RECEIVED THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THEIR BAPTISM BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A MIRACULOUS GIFT.

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 8:17-18; “Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. When Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given when the apostles placed their hands upon people's heads, he offered to buy this power.”

**THE TERM RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT.
IS IDENTIFIED WITH “BUY THIS POWER.”
THEREFORE A MIRACULOUS GIFT.**

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 10:44-46; “Even as Peter was saying these things, the **Holy Spirit fell** upon all who were listening to the message.”

“The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the **gift of the Holy Spirit** had been poured out upon the Gentiles, too. And there could be no doubt about it, for they **heard them speaking in languages and praising God.**”

**THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL. / A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. / SPEAKING IN LANGUAGES.
IN THIS CONTEXT ALL THESE
REFER TO A MIRACULOUS GIFT.**

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

**The Holy Spirit here:-
DID NOT TEACH THEM!
/ Because Peter taught them.**

**DID NOT INDWELL THEM!
/ Because they were not yet Christians.**

**DID CONFIRM THE MESSAGE!
/ Which was the purpose of a gift.**

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Cor 12:13; “For also, we were all immersed into one body, in one Spirit, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, and all were given to drink into one Spirit.

Notice that the same Greek phrase “in one Spirit” (en pneumatic) was mentioned in 12:3, 9;). Verse 3; revealed a test as to who was truly speaking and teaching truth verses those who were not. Those speaking truth did so by the instructions of the Holy Spirit.

Verse 9 indicated gifts were distributed by the Holy Spirit. Revelation and distribution of gifts, was a work of the Holy Spirit.

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Paul continues the idea here of the work of the Holy Spirit in relation to revelation.

By revelation (instruction) man is “baptized into one body.”

Divine revelation reveals a fact here regarding the consequence of baptism.

Following divine revelation regarding the instructions for baptism.

We find ourselves, “in one body.”

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Paul told the Galatian brethren, Gal 3:27-28; “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for you are all one man in Christ Jesus” One who is baptized by divine instructions is now “in Christ.”

**To be “in Christ” is to be in fellowship with God and to abide in His truths.
(1 Jn 1:3, 5-6; 2:6, 24; cf. Gal. 3:27;**

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

Meyer NT Comm 1 Cor 12:13;.

“Confirmation of this unity from the holy inward relation which conditions it. For even by means of one Spirit were we all baptized into one body—i.e. for even by this, that we received one and the same Holy Spirit at our baptism, were we all to be bound together into one ethical body. Comp Titus 3:5;.”

Expositor's Greek Testament 1 Cor 12:13;

“καὶ γὰρ ἐν ἑβὶ Πνεύματι κ.τ.λ.” :-

“For indeed in one Spirit we all into one body were **baptized**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether bondmen or freemen—and **we all of one Spirit were made to drink**,”—were drenched (Ev[1875]).

An appeal to experience. (cf. Galatians 3:2ff; Galatians 4:6; also Acts 19:2-6;).”

“**At their baptism** the Cor[1876] believers, differing in race and rank, were consciously made one; **one Spirit flooded their souls with the love and joy of a common faith in Christ**.—For βαπτίζω ἐν and εἰς, see parls.: ἐν defines the element and ruling influence of the baptism, εἰς the relationship to which it introduces.”

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

“(cont) P. refers to actual Christian baptism, the essence of which lay in the regenerating influence of the Holy Spirit. (John 3:5 ff., Titus 3:5 f.;)

Baptism represents the entire process of personal salvation which it seals and attests. (Ephesians 1:13, Galatians 3:26 ff., Romans 6:2 ff;),.

“As the Queen’s coronation imports her whole investiture with royalty. That Jews and Greeks, slaves and freemen, had **received at the outset an identical Spirit, shows that they were intended to form a single body, and that this body was designed to have a wide variety of members. (1 Corinthians 12:11;).”**

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

Dunagans COMMENTARY:- 1 Cor 12:13; “For”

**“Another proof of the unity purposed and intended behind the gifts. The same Spirit which bestows the gifts, is the same Spirit which inspired men such as the apostles to preach the same conditions of entrance into the body of Christ, to all.
(regardless of gender, race or social rank.)”**

Point to Note:- The Spirit accomplished the above through revelation. All were told the same conditions of entrance into the body.

(Mark 16:16; John 3:5; Acts 2:38; 8:12; 35-38; 10:47-48; 15:9; 16:15; 30-34; 18:8;)

And every member in Corinth had been baptized!

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

"baptized"-must be water baptism.

This is the baptism that is commanded.

(Acts 10:47-48;);

Therefore the "one baptism" required of all men everywhere. (Ephesians 4:5; Mark 16:16;)

The baptism that accompanied the preaching of Jesus. (Acts 8:35-36);

The baptism placed prior to Salvation.

(Acts 8:36-38; John 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21;)

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

But why "baptized in one Spirit" rather than "baptized in water," if water baptism was in view? Because it suited Paul's purpose in his call for unity to stress the agent (by).. of their immersion rather than the element (water).

The same Spirit, the one Spirit, who gave them their gifts was the one who led them to submit to one baptism.."

(J. McGuiggan p. 172)

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

"into one body"-water baptism stands between one and being a member in the body of Christ. Can one be saved outside the body of Christ? No. (Eph 5:23;)

Therefore, being saved and being a member of the body of Christ (church) occur at the same time, i.e. the moment of one's baptism. (Acts 2:41, 47;)"

Jesus said, "Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" John 3:5; A person gets into a relationship with Christ by being baptized by immersion for the remission of his sins. (Acts 2:38; Gal 3:26-27;).

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- 1 Cor 12:13;

**We are saved by the grace of God
through the Blood of Christ.**

**When we are baptized
in obedience to Christ's command.**

**When we are baptized into Christ. (Gal 3:27;).
We come into contact with the blood of Christ,
Our sins are forgiven and we are made
a new person in Christ by the Spirit. Rom 6:3-4;.**

**In the first century Jews and Greeks,
slaves and free men were baptized into Christ.
They became one in Christ.
This was a great marvel to Paul. (Col 1:9-29;).**

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKED WITH MIRACULOUS POWER.

In **John 7:37-39**; Jesus speaks of the **Spirit as the living water**. One drinks of the Spirit when he is baptized and **receives the indwelling** of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38; I Corinthians 6:19-20;).

The Holy Spirit worked in the early Church in a **Miraculous way to confirm the message**, and in a **Non miraculous way** to help them **to grow the fruit of the Spirit**.

The **gifts from the Holy Spirit** continued through the **early Christians** who had received **the ability to confirm their message** in a miraculous manner through the **apostles laying on of their hands**.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKED WITH MIRACULOUS POWER.

The purpose of the blessing of the gifts was the good that came from the miraculous gifts. The good that came from the gifts was the edification of the church and the evangelization of the world. (1 Cor 12-14).

The emphasis of John 7:38-39; Therefore, is on the result of the Holy Spirit's coming. The result was the good things of the miraculous gifts. The result of the gifts was the edification of infant churches which did not have the written word of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKED WITH MIRACULOUS POWER.

The long-lasting result of the Holy Spirit's outpouring was the recorded inspired Scriptures, which continue with the church throughout the centuries.

The visible good things that came forth from the Holy Spirit were the miraculous gifts of the first century.

However, we would not conclude that the Spirit has ceased to work simply because we cannot see any miraculous work.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

God still works all things together for the good of the saints. (**Rom 8:28;**) He is still **the God who is able** to work exceedingly abundantly above all that we think. (**Eph 3:20;**).

We cannot conclude that the Holy Spirit ceased to work simply because **He ceased to work in a miraculous manner** through His people today.

Though the initial fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy referred to the **miraculous** work of the Spirit. We must not discount **the continuing work of the Holy Spirit** in helping us produce **His fruit** in our lives today.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING .

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”

- Acts 2:37-38;

“For we were all **baptized by one Spirit into one body** —whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and **we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**”

1 Cor 12:13;

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

Being Filled With the Holy Spirit

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

**Do not get drunk on wine,
which leads to debauchery.**

Instead, **be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”**

Eph. 5:15-21;

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

**Receiving the indwelling Spirit
is a one-time event.**

**Being Filled with the Spirit
is a moment to moment experience!**

**Being “Spirit Filled” in a NON miraculous way
is meant to be the experience and lifestyle
of Each One of us!**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

Filled for a Particular ministry or office:

I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. Luke 7:28;

“...for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Luke 1:15-17

**There was NONE GREATER than John the Baptist
John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit FROM BIRTH.
Yet John NEVER DID EVEN ONE MIRACLE!**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

Equipped for an immediate task or emergency.

“They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: **“By what power or what name did you do this?”** Then Peter, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, said to them:-

“Rulers and elders of the people!” Acts 4:7-8;

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”** Acts 4:29-31;

See Acts 6:5 and 7:55 for further clarification.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

But...we are all told to Be Filled With the Spirit!

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.**” Eph. 5:18;

Remember WE can be filled with...

Awe. - Matt. 9:8;

Grief. - Matt. 17:3;

Joy. - Matt. 28:8;

Compassion. - Mk. 1:41;

Satan. - Acts 5:3;

Jealousy. - Acts 5:17;

Inexpressible and glorious joy. - 1 Pet 1:8;

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING

What does it mean for us to be filled with the Spirit?

**We may have received the Spirit
but not be Filled with the Spirit!**

“29. Don't use foul or abusive language.

**Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that
your words will be an encouragement to those who
hear them. 30. And do not bring sorrow
to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.”**

**“Remember, He is the one who has identified you as
His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on
the day of redemption. 31. Get rid of all bitterness,
rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as
all types of malicious behaviour.”**

Eph. 4:29-31;.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.”

1 Thess 5:17-21;

**BE FILLED is a command that we can obey!
In Greek it is in the Imperative Mood, Plural Form,
Passive Voice, “allow yourself to be filled.”**

**Present Tense - continuous appropriation!
In John 2:7; - “fill the jars.” -- In Eph 5: it is:-
“continue to allow yourselves to be filled with.”**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

Set Your Mind ON.

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”

**The mind of sinful man is death,
but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and
peace; The sinful mind is hostile to God.
It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.”
Rom 8:5-6;**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS STILL WORKING.

“Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. **You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.** And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”

“But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies **through his Spirit, who lives in you.**”

“Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation:- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. **For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**”

Jesus Promised to send The Holy Spirit

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Promised:

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John 14:26 (NKJV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

The Work of The Holy Spirit

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Promised:

**Teach
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John 16:13 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

At the time of the existence of national Israel.

The prophets prophesied that there was a time coming when God

would expand the work of the Holy Spirit

outside the use of selected individuals in Israel.

Specifically, God promised a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon every class of individual of His people.

He would pour out the Spirit upon both Jew and Gentile, both male and female, servant and slave.

The Old Testament records the prophecies of the promise. In the gospel records Jesus leads the Jews to the fulfillment of this promise.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

In Acts 2 the promise is initialized.

From the apostles in Acts 2,
the promise goes forth to all flesh.

There are several key prophecies of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The prophecies of **Joel and Ezekiel** are central to the establishment of the church on Pentecost in A.D. 30.

God promised through Joel an outpouring on all flesh. **Joel 2:28-32**; is a very significant prophecy concerning the Holy Spirit. It is a foundation prophecy concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament church.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

**Holy Spirit baptism was promised
by...the prophets. (Joel 2:28-32; / Acts 2:17-18;)**

**Joel 2:28-32; "Then after I have poured out my rains again,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and
daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams.
Your young men will see visions. In those days,
I will pour out my Spirit
even on servants, men and women alike.**

**"I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth-blood
and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun will be turned into
darkness, and the moon will turn blood red before that **great
and terrible day of the Lord** arrives. And anyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved. There will be people
on Mount Zion in Jerusalem who escape, just as
the Lord has said. These will be among
the survivors whom the Lord has called.**

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

In Acts 2:16-17; Peter quoted this prophecy and made direct application of it to the Pentecost events of Acts 2:1-4;.

Therefore, Peter's reference to this prophecy introduces us to the significance of the promise here in reference to the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit's Baptism Promised.

**Holy Spirit baptism was promised
by...the prophets. (Joel 2:28-32; cf. Ac.2:17-18)**

**Acts 2:17-18; " And it shall be in the last days, says God, I
will pour forth of My Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons
and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men
shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams:-
Yes and on My servants and on My handmaidens
in those days Will I pour forth of My Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.**

**I will show wonders in the heaven above,
And signs on the earth beneath;
Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be
turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,**

Before the day of the Lord come, That great and notable day."

Last Days / Destruction of Jerusalem

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

The following are **important points** to understand in the prophecy of **Joel 2:28-32**;

“last days”: The events about which **Joel 2** speaks would come to pass after

Jesus Death Burial and Resurrection.

In quoting this prophecy on the day of Pentecost, Peter interprets **"last days,"** to mean a reference to the last days of the Jewish Commonwealth.

The promise would be **fulfilled after** the return of the Jews from the dispersion of the Babylonian and Assyrian captivities. **It would take place during the end of God's special work with the nation of Israel.**

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

The prophecy would find its fulfillment after the captivities and after the almost four hundred years of "inspirational silence" from the prophet Malachi to the days of John the Immerser.

During the four hundred years following the work of the prophet Malachi, there was no inspired prophet in Israel until the time of Jesus and John.

The fulfillment of this prophecy, therefore, would mark the end of the inspirational period of silence.

It would also signify the beginning of the last days of the Jewish Commonwealth.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

"Pour out My Spirit": Reference here is to the manner by which the Spirit would come or be given.

"Pour out" is a figure of speech, a metaphor.
It must not be taken literally.

In view of the fact that the Spirit was already
with Jesus. (Mt 3:16;) and was
with the apostles. (Mt 10:19-20) before Acts 2;

We would interpret the pouring forth of the Spirit
to refer to a time **when men (the apostles)**
would be **immersed in the will of the Spirit**
at the beginning of the new age of the Spirit.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

The Spirit would come upon those whom He would inspire to accomplish the purpose for which He was poured out.

In Joel 2 God's initiative is emphasized in contrast to man's ability or righteousness to warrant the reception of the Spirit.

From the perspective of when Joel wrote, this outpouring would be something that God would do.

It would not be something that men would do in order to call upon the action of God. God was going to do something, but not something in response to the pleas or actions of man.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

In preparing the way for Israel to accept the crucifixion and Acts 2 events, **Zechariah** prophesied, "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit; then **they will look on Me whom they have pierced;**

They will mourn for Him In that day there shall be great mourning in Jerusalem" (Zech 12:10-11;).

In that day, the Lord says. (Ez 39:29).

"I shall have poured out My Spirit..."

God promised, **"I will pour My Spirit on your descendants"** (Is 44:3; see 32:15;).

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

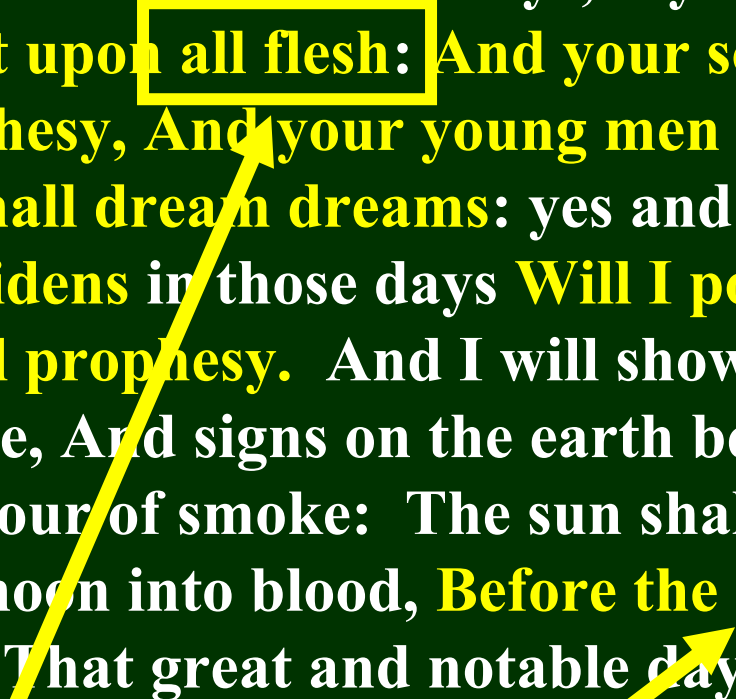
**The outpouring of the Spirit would be accomplished in a day that God planned.
It would be a specific event.**

**The result of the outpouring would lead men to mourn over Someone they had pierced.
In these prophecies the stage is being historically set for the coming Saviour.**

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2

But some will say Wasn't Holy Spirit baptism promised to **“all flesh?”** (Joel 2:28;) (Acts 2:17-18;)

Acts 2:17-18; " And it shall be in the last days, says God, **I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all flesh:** And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams: yes and on My servants and on My handmaidens in those days **Will I pour forth of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy.** And I will show wonders in the heaven above, And signs on the earth beneath; Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, **Before the day of the Lord** come, That great and notable day.



ALL PEOPLE /ALL FLESH kjv

Notice also the Destruction of Jerusalem

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE

"All flesh": It must first be understood that **"all flesh"** does not refer to believers and unbelievers. We do not understand this from the prophecy itself.

However, when we continue our study to the ministry and teachings of Jesus, the **"all flesh"** will be **narrowed down first to the apostles, and then to "those who believe."**

In other words, the Spirit will **first be poured out on the apostles. Then According to the will of the Spirit gifts will be available through the laying on of the apostles' hands, to all those who believe.**

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

In the context of Joel 2, what follows the statement of "all flesh" explains what is meant by the outpouring on all flesh.

“Sons and daughters, old men and young men, menservants and maidservants are included in the "all flesh."

The Spirit would not be poured out on a special class of prophets as in the Old Testament Jewish dispensation. He would not be given only to special old men who were prophets of the special Jewish people.

He would be poured out on sons, daughters, old men, young men, male and female, servants and slaves.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

The emphasis here is **not** so much that the Spirit would be given **to every individual**, but that He would be given **to every class of individuals**.

The outpouring would be in **contrast** to how the Spirit was given during the Old Testament era. Under the Old Testament law the Spirit was given to selected older prophets who were **a class of men by themselves. (2 Kg 24:2; Heb 1:1;)**

A time was coming, when **even the lowest class of society (servants and slaves)** would receive the Spirit as the esteemed aged prophets of the O. T.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

"Shall prophecy." Not only would the outpouring be miraculous when the Joel 2 prophecy was fulfilled, **the result of the outpouring would be miraculous.**

Prophecy is first **the speaking forth of the word of God.** Throughout both the Old Testament and New Testament, the definition of prophecy is the preaching of the word of God.

However, in reference to **inspired prophecy**, the preaching or teaching of the word of God **was by inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

In the context of the promise of **Joel 2**,
inspired prophecy is under consideration.
The direct result of the outpouring would be seen
by the **inspired work of prophecy**
by men and women after the outpouring.

"Wonders." Verses 30-32 of Joel 2 continue
the prophecy of what God would do in **the last days**.
The metaphors in these passages refer to
the finality of the Jewish Commonwealth.

**The fall of celestial bodies in prophetic literary
language was used to figuratively
portray the termination of earthly kingdoms.**
(See Is 13:9-10; 34:4; MI 4:1,5-6;).

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

The sun usually referred to the president or king of the nation. The moon and stars referred to the governors, generals and captains who received their power from the king.

When a nation was to fall, the Old Testament **prophets figuratively portrayed** such by the fall of the sun, moon and stars.

Joel did the same in reference to national Israel.

He was prophesying a time when the Jewish Nation and Temple would be terminated.

The outpouring of the Spirit in the last days, therefore, was a signal of the end of God's relationship with national Israel.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

"This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."
said Peter. We need to understand that
the day of Pentecost saw the beginning
of the fulfilment of what Joel said.

But the prophetic words were **not**
all fulfilled on that day. The Spirit was to be poured
out upon all flesh; but there was only
the one nation, the Jews present in Acts 2.

As yet only the 12 Apostles had received miraculous
power to speak a language they had not learned.
Sons and daughters were to prophesy
but not on the day of Pentecost.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2

Young men were to see visions, and old men dream dreams; but **visions are unreported, and dreaming found no place on the Day of Pentecost.**

There is no change in heaven or earth, sun or moon, nor of blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. The day was quiet as usual; everything was regular in the workings of nature as on every other day.

What had happened, however, was **the beginning of the fulfilment** of Joel's prophecy.

The secret of the wonderful speaking of the apostles was that **God had begun to carry out the promise** made long before through the prophet.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2 .

"The great and awesome day of the Lord":

The word **"day"** refers to the time when God would come in judgement on national Israel.

It was a great and awesome day for believers.

It would be a sad day for those who would not be of those who believe.

The **"day of the Lord"** would be **a day of judgment** for those who would not accept the results of the outpouring of the Spirit.

"Shall be saved." Salvation here does not refer to salvation from the calamity that would come upon national Israel. **Salvation would be for those who would turn to God by "calling on His name."**

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE JOEL 2.

This salvation would be redemptive in reference to sin, though the ones who would accept the Lord would be saved from the destruction of A.D. 70, the time of the destruction of national Israel through the fall of Jerusalem.

Since the prophecy of **Joel 2;** is the prophecy that was quoted by Peter in reference to **its fulfillment in Acts 2, this prophecy becomes special** in the Old Testament.

However, we must keep in mind that **other prophets spoke** of the **same events** about which Joel spoke. Though other prophecies are **not as much in detail** as Joel 2, other prophets collaborate with what Joel prophesied.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE Ezek 36.

Promise of the Spirit within:-

Ezekiel looked beyond the restoration of Israel from captivity of Babylon.

He prophesied of a time when Israel would have a changed attitude;

They would have a spirit of obedience. Ezekiel 36:24-28; is a significant prophecy of a special time that was to come.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE Ezek 36.

“For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.”

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE Ezek 36.

Verse 26 of Ezekiel 36 discusses a new attitude as opposed to Israel's rebellion and stiff necked attitude **before the captivity**.

They would have **a spirit of obedience** to the one God as opposed to serving the idols of many gods.

In verse 27 God says, **"I will put My Spirit within you ..."** (See Ez 37:14). It would be good to compare this prophecy with a similar prophecy of the same time period to which Ezekiel looked.

In Jeremiah 31:31-34; God affirmed that during this new time, "no more shall every man teach his neighbour ... **for they shall all know Me.**"

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

The **Jewish babies** did not know the Lord when they were **born into a covenant relationship** with God. **They had to be taught to know the Lord** as they grew up in the Jewish nation.

However, during the period which was coming.

Those who were **spiritually born of the word of God** would already know the Lord at the time of their infancy.

Christians walk in the statutes of God because **“They have been begotten by the Spirit-inspired word of God.”** (See 1 Pet 1:23;)

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE Ezek 36.

We know God when we are born into Christ.

Here is the concept that the ones coming into a covenant relationship with God would have the Spirit in them because of their close relationship with the will of God from their new birth as part of His heritage.

They will have been people who responded to the gospel of Christ that was preached through the medium of words.

At the time of their new birth, they "knew God."

The Spirit will have worked in them through the preaching of the gospel message in order to bring them to the cross.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

The **above prophecies** established **anticipation** in the Jews' hearts concerning the coming promise.

The setting was thus established for the coming of the Spirit.

A great day was coming when God would do something great in Israel.

The Jews, as in all prophecy, did not fully understand all the implications of the promises. Nevertheless, **they were expecting something.**

Therefore, **when John and Jesus came preaching the kingdom.**

The Jews were awakened to the promise and the imminent fulfillment of the prophecies.

PROPHECY CONCERNING THE PROMISE.

All prophecies concerning the Spirit centre around what the Spirit would do through inspiration and miracle.

Therefore, when we come to the fulfillment of the prophecies, we must focus on what the Spirit would do.

The Emphasis is not on locating the Spirit here or there, but on the work of the Spirit in reference to accomplishing the work of God to bring us into an eternal saved relationship.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

**Spirit to come with Power on the Apostles
when the kingdom came Mark 9:1;**

**“Jesus went on to say, “I assure you that some of
you standing here right now will not die before
you see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!”**

The PROMISE to the APOSTLES. Acts 1:8;

**“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
you will receive power and will tell people about me
everywhere, in Jerusalem, throughout Judea,
in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVE IN THE LIFE of JESUS.

The Provisional blessing John 20:22;

**“Then He breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven.
If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven."**

**Jesus gave commandments through the Holy Spirit.
Acts 1:2; “until the day in which he was received up,
after that he had given commandments through
the Holy Spirit unto the apostles
whom He had chosen:”**





**He appeared to them over a period of forty days
and spoke about the kingdom of God.
On one occasion, while He was eating with them,
He gave them this command:-**

***"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait
for the gift my Father promised,
which you have heard me speak about.
For John baptized with water, but in a few
days you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit "***

This is why they were baptized in the Holy Spirit:-




This is why they were baptized in the Holy Spirit:



*“In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven, **after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.***

*After His suffering, **He showed himself to these men** and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. . .*





Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from the Holy Spirit. – Acts 1:4-8;

“In one of these meetings as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

“When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, Lord, are you going to free Israel now and restore our kingdom? The Father sets those dates,” he replied, “and they are not for you to know. But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The Source of All Truth from God

CHRIST.

Man had no part in
making God's will.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2 PET. 1:20-21;

MEN.



**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire
that separated and came to rest on each of
them. All of them were filled with the Holy
Spirit and began to speak in other
languages as the Spirit enabled them.
(Acts 1:25-2:4)**

THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE NEW TESTAMENT.

The apostles received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost
Acts 2:4; “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Now this means that when the **HOLY SPIRIT** came on the DAY OF PENTECOST, **THE HOLY GUEST** came.

When Pentecostal congregations hold their '**TARRYING! MEETINGS**', or their **PRAYER** meetings. In which they **PLEAD FOR THE DESCENT OF HOLY SPIRIT** upon them. They are pleading for someone to come, **who came 2000 YEARS AGO**, and **has NEVER GONE AWAY!**

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Because the Lord Jesus tells us that this is the age of the Holy Spirit's ministry. The Lord said,
“And when He, the **Spirit of truth comes**,
He will convict the world in respect of sin righteousness and judgment.”

Because it is the **HOLY SPIRIT'S TASK** to **ENCOURAGE** and **EMPOWER THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL**, in order to bring men and women to **recognize their sin**, and the **need of repentance**, and thus find salvation in Jesus.

Paul preached the WORDS of the Holy Spirit :-1 Cor 2:12-13; “And God has actually given us His Spirit (not the world's spirit) so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. When we tell you this, we do not use words of human wisdom. **We speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.**”

The Work of The Holy Spirit.

In Revealing The:

**New
Testament**

The words
of the
apostles
are
the words
of the
Holy Spirit.

Mark 13:11 (NKJV)

But when they arrest you
and deliver you up, do not
worry beforehand, or
premeditate what you will
speak. But whatever is given
you in that hour, speak that;
for it is not you who speak,
but the Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT organized the church.

Men were given miraculous gifts – knowledge – interpretation - languages – prophecy - & healing –
1 Cor. 12-14;

Holy Spirit gave gifts unto men –

These gifts were for the purpose of “**REVEALING**”
the gospel - the church had a miraculous birth - Ep. 4:8-14; – apostles – prophets – evangelist – pastors
– teachers – to equip – do their work – & edify.

The Law of biogenesis. – **Life begets life!** –

Life began with a miracle

but continues through established law.

The Holy Spirit is not a feeling, unction, or an idea –
but **a person who had and has a work and purpose**
in the eternal plan of God in the redemption of man.

THE HOLY SPIRIT organized the church.

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**The GOSPEL revealed the New Covenant
relationship to be found in Jesus Christ!**

The importance of Pentecost.

The Name PENTECOST only tells us that the Feast was held 50 days after the Passover.

'PENTECOSTE' From Greek- 'fiftieth day'

Different names:-

Feast of Weeks (7 Weeks) or SHAVUOT.

Feast of Harvest. / Day of First Fruits.

The Corn was the last crop to ripen in Palestine.

Day of First fruits. The 50th day of Passover.

The day when the 'first-fruits' of the Corn-harvest were ceremonially dedicated to God, with the offering of the sacrifices commanded in LEV 23:1ff.

The importance of Pentecost.

The name "**Feast of Weeks**" was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16; To count seven full weeks (or 49 days) beginning on the second day of Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord.

In NT times priests still offered all the usual sacrifices and the wave offering.

Two loaves made of new flour.

People were not allowed to eat new harvest until this ceremony was performed.

The importance of Pentecost.

Thus Pentecost, was a celebration of the bringing in of the first fruits which Promised a harvest to follow.

The Jews of Jesus day still looked to Jerusalem as centre of Judaism, but many did not want to leave homes and business to keep a ceremony which for all kinds of reasons didn't seem to matter.

So many Jews regarded that journey and that expense as a waste. But many still came.

**At least devout men. – Acts 2:6;
The ones who still clung to the feast and its original meaning.**

The importance of Pentecost.

Jewish RABBIS tried to strengthen the significance of the Day, by claiming that the Mosaic LAW was delivered 50 days after the departure from Egypt.

Throughout Jewish history, it has been customary to engage in all-night study of the Torah on the first evening of Shavuot. Children were encouraged to memorize Scripture and rewarded with treats.

The **book of Ruth was traditionally read during **Shavuot**. Today, however, many of the customs have been left behind and their significance lost.**

The importance of Pentecost.

The public holiday has become more of a culinary festival of dairy dishes. Traditional Jews still light candles and recite blessings, adorn their homes and synagogues with greenery, eat dairy foods, and study the Torah, read the book of Ruth and attend Shavuot services.

The importance of Pentecost.

**We call the feast Pentecost,
but you won't find that name in the OT.**

**It Dates from Greek period 350 BC, and
by that time had existed for 1000 years.
50th – marked 50th day but the name tells
nothing about the nature of the feast.**

**The people were no longer agricultural
but were now merchants / traders /
dealers / finance.**

**They Built cities – & had even been
an independent nation.**

The importance of Pentecost.

No longer the united people of the days of Solomon when the temple was first built.

Divided in many ways:-

Religiously – sects/parties.

Linguistically – whilst they revered/ancient Hebrew/forefathers – nobody spoke it, few could read it. Instead Jews everywhere spoke other languages, many dialects in which they were brought up in different parts/Roman Empire.

Culturally – Jews who lived outside Palestine (Diaspora) adopted other cultures, customs and traditions and did things differently.

The importance of Pentecost.

Very little is said these days about the changed name **SHABUOTH!**

The Jews have actually changed Pentecost radically.

No longer a **TEMPLE** celebration in Jerusalem
but a **SYNAGOGUE** celebration.

No longer marking the **Feast of First fruits**
but **commemorating Giving of Law at Sinai.**

The Reason is not hard to understand.

There is **No Temple**, and
No Priesthood to offer sacrifices.

The importance of Pentecost.

But, **think about Jews in NT times.**

1400 years gone by since their forefathers were commanded to celebrate entrance into Canaan and ingathering of first grain/harvest.
(last crop to be gathered in in Palestine)

Of course, they **Still ate bread!** Still gathered in the harvest, but many things had changed!
Their lifestyle had changed.

What Pentecost meant to the Jews
Or what it should have meant.

It now seemed outdated and old fashioned.

The importance of Pentecost For Christians.

Pentecost is important for Christians
Because on the first Pentecost after the
DEATH and RESURRECTION of Jesus,

Prophecy was fulfilled! The place was right.
Isa 2:2-3; “In the last days, the Temple of the Lord in
Jerusalem will become the most important place on earth.
People from all over the world will go there to worship.”

“**Many nations** will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the
mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Israel.
There **He will teach us His ways**, so that we may obey Him.”
For in those days **the Lord's teaching and his word**
will go out from Jerusalem.”

Many peoples / Out of Zion would go forth the law
Word/Lord from Jerusalem /**Jerusalem was to be the place.**

The importance of Pentecost For Christians.

The Day of Pentecost fulfilled prophecy.

A New Kingdom was to be established.

A New relationship as the family of God the Church began.

Dan 2:44-45; “During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed; no one will ever conquer it. It will shatter all these kingdoms into nothingness, but it will stand forever. That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain by supernatural means, crushing to dust the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold.”

God of Heaven set of a kingdom, break the other kingdoms in pieces but would never be destroyed.

The stone which became Mountain represents the Kingdom the Church.

The importance of Pentecost the Apostles.

**The Holy Spirit having been poured out,
(come into the world) on Pentecost
began His Present Ministry.**

The Apostles received the PROMISED BAPTISM in the Spirit.

'The Apostles whom He had chosen' were:-

'Ordered not leave Jerusalem'

To 'WAIT' for the promise 'you heard from Me'

**To 'receive power' when the Holy Spirit comes upon
you' Were 'baptized' 'EN'= 'in' the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 1 opens with them being told to wait for:-

“promise of Father you heard about from Me.”

Acts 2 records what happened.

One of the greatest days history of Mankind.

What did Pentecost mean to the Apostles?

**In the immediate/personal sense –
fulfilling/promise made by Jesus.**

**You shall /witnesses after Holy Spirit
has come upon you. Acts 1:8;**

In Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, uttermost.

And you won't have to wait long.

**You shall be baptised in the Holy Spirit
not many days hence.**

What did Pentecost mean to the Apostles?

So the Apostles waited! And the Spirit came upon them – they were baptised – not sprinkled upon, but **overwhelmed immersed, plunged** in what the Bible calls the **Baptism in the Spirit**.

The Result? They began speaking other languages, no babbling, no incoherent noises. No gibberish!

But **languages “glossa”** as the Spirit gave them utterance. Greek word rendered **utterance** means a set of words complete in themselves.

What did Pentecost mean to the Apostles?

Beside **power**, there will be other blessings

Another **comforter/ guide into all truth/**

teach all things/ show things to come

/bring to remembrance. (**total recall**).

Therefore at Pentecost the apostles received
their empowering and enabling
for their ministry as Jesus ambassadors.

The importance of Pentecost.

**Tongues ('glossa'= languages)
demonstrated the Presence of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Gospel of Salvation was offered
for the first time to Jews.**

**The Kingdom was opened
by Peter's preaching.**

**The Church which Jesus promised to build
was set up.**

The 'GIFT' of the Holy Spirit was GIVEN. Acts 2:38;

The importance of Pentecost.

That day – Church established – kingdom opened.

The Holy Spirit came.

Evidence of His presence - Languages.

First preaching of the Gospel.

First offer of Salvation.

First obedience/saints.

First fellowship – church.

When we examine the scriptures, we discover the Church which we read about in the N.T.:-

Began at the right place. – At the right time.

– Under the right conditions.

The importance of Pentecost.

**The house of God is
the Church of the Living God.**

It was to be established with Jesus as head.

The Word was to go out from Jerusalem.

This is why the Apostles waited.

**Luke 24:47: Repentance and remission of sins
for all nations beginning in Jerusalem.**

**So they were in the right PLACE,
at the right TIME.**

The importance of Pentecost.

**On 1st Pentecost after His resurrection
Jesus did what He promised to do:-
He established His Kingdom / His Church.**

Jesus did not FAIL.

**The Church was not an after thought.
It was not and it has not been a failure.
It has not become extinct.**

**It is still alive and active today because where ever
and whenever the simple message of salvation
by the grace of God in and through the Lord Jesus
Christ is preached, and people respond to that
message in faithful obedience, they are
added to / transferred into His body the Church.**

God is still adding daily those who are being saved.

LIGHT.	DARKNESS.
Saved.	Lost.
Life.	Death.
Children of God.	Children of devil.
Kingdom of God.	Power/Satan.

Col 1:12-14; “giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; **who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins:”**

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